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YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1944

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Thornton, N. H.

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1944

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator—Charles F. Descary

Town Clerk—Irma Sullivan

Town Treasurer—Irma Sullivan

Selectmen—Everett E. Caldon, Clayton S. Ham, Stearl Hazeltine

Tax Collector—Ida M. Horner

Overseer of Poor—Ralph Steele

Auditors—Nellie Adams, Olive Benton

Supervisors of Check List—Ralph Steele, Smith Merrill, Fred Adams

Road Agent—District No. 1, John Rivers
District No. 2, Scott Benton
District No. 3, Fred Adams

Health Officer—Ralph Steele

Fire Wardens—Bert Benton, Lester Bradley, Spencer Ham, Carl Broad

Library Trustees—Frances Avery, Christie Caldon

Police Officer—Ralph Steele

Superintendent of Cemeteries—Scott Benton

Trustees of Trust Funds—Scott Benton, Kenneth Robbins, Glenroy Howland

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town House in said Thornton on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Highways and Bridges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Class V Roads and make appropriation for same.

5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Libraries above what the law requires.

6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Memorial Day.

7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Care of Town Poor and Old Age Assistance and make appropriation for the same.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

9. To see if the Town will vote to allow 3% discount on taxes paid before September First.

10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Cemeteries.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the White Mountain Region Association.

12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to fight the White Pine Blister Rust and make appropriation for the same.

13. To see if the Town will vote to charge 20 cents on Poll Taxes not paid by September 1st of each year during which the tax was assessed.

14. To see if the Town will vote to buy an Army Truck, and make appropriation for the same.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise some money for Post-War Work, and make appropriation for same.

16. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 26th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five.

EVERETT E. CALDON,

CLAYTON S. HAM,

Selectmen of Thornton.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

EVERETT E. CALDON,

CLAYTON S. HAM,

Selectmen of Thornton.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945 Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year February 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944.

Sources of Revenue

	Actual 1944	Estimated 1945
From State		
Interest and dividends tax	$ 100.69	$ 100.69
Railroad tax	68.51	68.51
Savings bank tax	130.24	130.24
Reimbursement account state and federal forest lands	746.15	746.15
National forest reserve	268.29	268.29
From Local Sources, Except Taxes		
Parker-Young	18.50	
Fred Tobey	63.00	
Sadie Inkell	100.00	
Henry Hamlin	200.00	
Eugene Wallace	50.00	
Carl Morrison	3.67	
Charles Batchelder	100.00	
Scott Benton, cemetery lot	10.00	20.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes		
Poll Taxes—Regular @ $2	472.00	400.00
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes	$ 2,331.05	$ 1,733.97
* Amount to be raised by property taxes	$11,996.82	$12,593.90
Total revenues	$14,327.87	$14,327.87

Purposes of Expenditures

	Actual 1944	Estimated 1945
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government		
Town officers' salaries	$ 1,174.45	$ 1,200.00
Town officers' expenses	149.23	200.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	157.74	150.00
Protection of Persons and Property		
Fire department	49.25	100.00
Health		
Vital statistics	6.50	6.50
Highways and Bridges		
Town maintenance: summer	3,915.90	4,000.00
Town road aid	56.48	125.00
Public Welfare		
Town poor	143.00	200.00
Old age assistance	716.65	800.00
Public Service Enterprises		
Cemeteries	112.00	100.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
County taxes	907.97	900.00
Payments to school districts	6,626.85	6,650.00
Total expenditures	$14,016.02	$14,431.50

* Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land and buildings	$314,230.00
Growing wood and timber	33,100.00
Electric plants	55,150.00
Horses, 57	7,725.00
Oxen, 9	1,200.00
Cows, 164	10,800.00
Other neat stock, 42	2,545.00
Sheep, 57	570.00
Hogs, 2	70.00
Fowls, 400	500.00
Vehicles, 4	1,700.00
Wood, lumber, etc.	5,693.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	675.00
Stock in trade	1,700.00
Total	$435,658.00
Amount exempted to soldiers	7,200.00
Balance	$428,458.00
Amount of taxes assessed on property	$ 11,996.82
Poll taxes, 236	472.00
Town tax	$ 12,468.82
Special poll taxes @ $3.00	738.00
Taxes committed to collector	$ 13,206.82
Rate per $100.00	$ 2.80

Appropriations

Town officers' salaries	$ 1,000.00
Town officers' expenses	150.00
Town hall	200.00
Town road aid	122.80
Town road maintenance	4,000.00
Libraries	75.00

Old age assistance	800.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Cemeteries	200.00
County tax	907.97
School tax	5,739.00
Fire department	150.00
Total	$13,369.77

Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and dividend tax	$ 35.00
Railroad tax	70.00
Savings bank tax	110.00
Motor vehicle permits	300.00
Reimbursement a/c state and federal land	700.00
Sale of tax deeded property	250.00
Total revenues and credits	$ 1,465.10
Overlay	$ 564.05

Title of Appropriations	Appropriations	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Town officers' salaries	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,174.45		$ 174.45
Town officers' expenses	150.00	150.00	149.23	.77	
Town hall	200.00	200.00	157.74	42.26	
Fire department	150.00	150.00	49.25	100.75	
Class V highway	122.80	122.80	56.48	66.32	
Town maintenance	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,915.90	84.10	
Libraries	75.00	75.00	75.00		
Town poor			143.00		143.00
Old age assistance	800.00	800.00	716.65	83.35	
Memorial Day	25.00	25.00		25.00	
Cemeteries	200.00	200.00	112.00	88.00	
County tax	907.97	907.97			
	$ 7,630.77	$ 7,630.77	$ 6,549.70	$ 487.55	$ 317.45

Net unexpended balance of appropriations $ 170.10

Statement of Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer	$ 3,051.48
Bounties, hedgehogs, 1944	28.00
Bounties, bears, 1944	5.00
Uncollected taxes 1937	6.00
Uncollected taxes 1938	18.00
Uncollected taxes 1943	36.66
Uncollected taxes 1944	1,880.73
Due from land sale 1936	10.12
Due from land sale 1937	10.85
Due from land sale 1942	89.34
Due from land sale 1943	30.96
Total	$ 5,167.14

Statement of Liabilities

Due school district, balance of appropriation	$ 2,617.61
Due school district, dog tax	94.50
Due school district, Plymouth hospital	200.00
Due state, special poll tax	270.00
Unexpended T. R. A., balance town	66.32
Total	$ 3,248.43
Excess of assets over liabilities	$ 1,918.71

Town Property

Hazeltine land	$ 100.00
Town house	1,000.00
Tool house	400.00
School houses	3,000.00
Road machine	50.00
Equipment of school houses	825.00
Equipment of town house	50.00
Fire equipment	100.00
Snow blade	50.00
Two tractors and plows	1,500.00
Ora Downing, Downing homestead	100.00
George Ripley, Ripley homestead	700.00
Sidney Boyce, Boyce homestead	600.00
Sanding machine	100.00
Carrie Royce lot	25.00
	$ 8,600.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Year Ending as of December 31, 1944

Summary of Warrant, Levy of 1943

Debit

Uncollected taxes as of February 1, 1944	$ 1,206.08
Interest collected during fiscal year ended December 31, 1944	48.75
Added taxes, poll	12.00
Total debits	$ 1,266.83

Credit

Total remittances to treasurer during fiscal year ended December 31, 1944	$ 1,207.74
Abatements made during year	22.43
Uncollected taxes as per collector's list	36.66
Total credits	$ 1,266.83

Uncollected Taxes on Account of Levies of 1943

	Property	Poll
Avery, Mildred	$ 10.95	
Smith, Ray		2.00
White, Evelyn		2.00
White, Norton	19.71	2.00
	$ 30.66	$ 6.00

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1944, on account of the tax levy of 1943, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IDA M. HORNER,
Tax Collector.

Summary of Warrant, Levy of 1944

Debit

Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Property taxes	$11,996.82
Poll taxes, regular @ $2.00	472.00
Poll taxes, special @ $3.00	738.00
Total warrant	$13,206.82
Added Taxes:	
Property taxes	22.40
Poll taxes, regular @ $2.00	16.00
Poll taxes, special @ $3.00	24.00
Interest collected	6.50
Total debits	$13,275.72

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property taxes	$10,190.68
Interest collected	6.50
Poll taxes, regular @ $2.00	348.00
Poll taxes, special @ $3.00	549.00
Discount allowed	243.71
Abatements	57.10
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List	
Property taxes	1,554.73
Poll taxes, regular @ $2.00	128.0
Poll taxes, special @ $3.00	198.00
Total credits	$13,275.72

Uncollected Resident Taxes

	Property	Poll
Adams, Fred	$ 24.22	$ 5.00
Adams, George	28.00	5.00
Adams, Homer	38.50	5.00
Anderson, Eric Sr.	63.42	5.00
Benton, Scott	29.68	
Boyce, Lyman	8.40	5.00
Brown, A. S.	42.00	
Carpenter, Elbridge	5.60	5.00
Curtis, Dorothy	56.00	5.00
Downing, Ezra	2.80	
Downing, Howard	11.20	
Downing, Lawrence	24.22	5.00
Drake, Harris	12.60	5.00
Gero, Alec	4.20	
Gero, Annie	22.40	
Harding, Cora	8.40	5.00
Hartwell, Nathaniel	19.46	
Haynes, Franklin	2.80	
Haynes, Kenneth	5.60	
Horner, W. J.	207.90	
Howland, Glenroy	28.00	3.00
Inkell, Antonio	84.00	
Inkell, Theodore	22.40	5.00
Jarvis, Albert	33.60	5.00
Lake, Gilbert	56.00	
Labrecque, Queenie	42.00	5.00
LaPorte, Nelson, estate	33.60	
LaRue, Henry	4.20	3.00
Merrill, Roxie	89.74	
Monroe, B. C.	5.60	5.00
Nugent, Mike	2.80	
Plant, Bert	16.10	5.00
Plummer, Frank	14.00	5.00
Reitsma, Herman	8.40	5.00
Robertson, Andy	52.92	5.00
Rogers, David	25.20	5.00
Sabourne, Lester	24.50	
Shores, Lawrence	24.12	
Uhlman, Harry	39.20	5.00

Uhlman, Roy	54.04	5.00
White, Norton	25.20	
	$ 1,303.02	$ 111.00

Uncollected Non-Resident Taxes

Avery, Mildred	$ 14,00
Bishop, L. W. estate	56.00
Boyle, Nellie	11.20
Chase, Anthony	23.80
Drake, Frank	8.11
Gordon, Gladys	16.80
Hebden, Ralph	4.20
Leonard & Co.	5.60
Morrison, Carl	1.40
McKenzie, James	4.20
Noga, John W.	4.20
Plant, Elmer	8.40
Saulnier, Eva	18.20
Sawyer, A. H. estate	16.80
Scott, Dorothy	56.00
Young, Thomas and Georgiana	2.80
	$ 251.71

Uncollected Poll Taxes

Adams, Beatrice	$ 5.00
Adams, Nellie	5.00
Adams, Stanley	5.00
Adams, Mrs. Stanley	5.00
Ames, Roy	5.00
Ames, Mrs. Roy	5.00
Anderson, Eric, Jr.	5.00
Anderson, Mrs. Eric, Jr.	5.00
Anderson, Mrs. Eric, Sr.	5.00
Avery, Burley	5.00
Boyce, Annie	5.00
Boyce, Sidney	5.00
Clark, Albert	5.00

Downing, Benjamin	5.00
Downing, Lawrence	5.00
Downing, Mrs. Lawrence	5.00
Downing, Maurice	5.00
Downing, Mrs. Maurice	5.00
Downing, Nila	5.00
Drake, Rena	5.00
Gilman, Harry	5.00
Harding, Walter	5.00
Hobart, Mrs. Marshall	5.00
Inkel, Mabel	5.00
Jarvis, Mrs. Albert	5.00
Labrecque, Emil	5.00
LaRue, Mrs. Henry	5.00
Perry, Norma	5.00
Plant, Agnes	5.00
Reitsma, Mrs. Herman	5.00
Robertson, Charles	5.00
Robertson, Mary	5.00
Rogers, Mrs. David	5.00
Selingham, Frank	5.00
Selingham, Ora	5.00
Smith, Pete	5.00
Smith, Mrs. Ray	5.00
Spooner, Allan	5.00
Sweeney, William	5.00
Sweeney, Mrs. William	5.00
Thibodeau, Leonard	5.00
Uhlman, Mrs. Roy	5.00
White, Evelyn	5.00
	$ 215.00

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1944, on account of the tax levy of 1944, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IDA M. HORNER,
Tax Collector.

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of December 31, 1944

	Tax Sale on Account of Levy of:				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939
DEBIT					
Unredeemed taxes as of February 1, 1944		$ 197.89	$ 84.32	$ 151.21	$ 153.91
Taxes sold to town	$ 80.24				
Interest collected after sale	2.00	12.33	19.21	24.31	32.04
Total debits	$ 82.24	$ 210.22	$ 103.53	$ 175.52	$ 185.95
CREDIT					
Remittances to treasurer during year	$ 51.28	$ 120.88	$ 103.53	$ 147.92	$ 164.02
Abatements during year				13.80	7.31
Deeded to town during year				13.80	14.62
Unredeemed taxes at close of year	30.96	89.34			
Total Credits	$ 82.24	$ 210.22	$ 103.53	$ 175.52	$ 185.95

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales on Account of Levies of

	1943	1942
Adams, George		$ 18.10
Avery, Mildred		17.17
Chase, A. B.		22.48
Gero, Alec		6.13
Gero, Annie		25.46
Laporte, Nelson, estate	$ 30.96	
	$ 30.96	$ 89.34

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from selectmen	$ 1,943.35
Received for dog licenses	94.50
Received for auto permits 1943	2.99
Received for auto permits 1944	272.99
Received from Ida Horner, 1934 tax	14.00
Received from Ida Horner, 1935 tax	22.00
Received from Ida Horner, 1936 tax	6.00
Received from Ida Horner, 1937 tax	8.00
Received from Ida Horner, 1938 tax	22.68
Received from Ida Horner, 1939 tax	4.00
Received from Ida Horner, 1940 tax	10.00
Received from Ida Horner, 1941 tax	22.27
Received from Ida Horner, 1942 tax	34.60
Received from Ida Horner, 1943 tax	1,134.34
Received from Ida Horner, 1944 tax	11,094.18
Received from Ida Horner, 1943 land sale	73.40
Received from Ida Horner, 1930 refund	100.00
Received from Ida Horner, 1935 refund	237.15
Received from Ida Horner, 1936 refund	104.88
Received from Ida Horner, 1937 refund	5.00
Received from Ida Horner, 1938 refund	57.12
Received from Ida Horner, 1939 refund	164.02
Received from Ida Horner, 1940 refund	147.92
Received from Ida Horner, 1941 refund	103.53
Received from Ida Horner, 1942 refund	120.88
Received from Ida Horner, 1943 refund	51.28
Total receipts	$15,851.08
Total payments	$14,684.69
	$ 1,166.39
Cash on hand January 31, 1943	$ 1,885.09
Cash on hand	$ 3,051.48

IRMA SULLIVAN,
Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S RECEIPTS

Parker-Young Co., use of road machine	$ 18.50
Fred Tobey, plowing snow	63.00
State hedgehog bounties	59.30
Bear bounties	25.00
Sadie Inkell, mortgage	100.00
State reimbursement account state and federal land for the year 1943	746.15
Forest Reserve for 1943	268.29
Henry Hamlin, King cottage and land	200.00
Eugene R. Wallace, wood camp	50.00
Carl Morrison	3.67
State, savings bank tax	130.24
State, railroad tax	68.51
State, interest and dividends tax	100.69
Scott Benton, cemetery lots	10.00
Charles Batchelder, Sawyer land	100.00
	$ 1,943.35

SELECTMEN'S PAYMENTS

Everett E. Caldon, selectman	$ 210.20
Clayton S. Ham, selectman	168.75
Stearl Hazeltine, selectman	105.00
Irma Sullivan, clerk and treasurer	200.00
Irma Sullivan, auto commission	36.50
Charles F. Descary, moderator	15.00
Ida M. Horner, collector of taxes	150.00
Ralph Steele, police	25.00
Ralph Steele, overseer of poor	35.00
Ralph Steele, supervisor	30.00
Fred Adams, supervisor	30.00
Vera Hazeltine, salary, library	96.00
Effie Shores, salary, library	12.00
Robert Wakefield, town counsel	15.00
Olive Benton, auditor	5.00
Nellie Adams, auditor	5.00
Ida M. Horner, ballot clerk	12.00
Florence Steele, ballot clerk	12.00
Nellie Adams, ballot clerk	8.00
Roxie Merrill, ballot clerk	4.00
Town officers' expense	149.23
Edson C. Eastman, dog license book	2.35
The Record Print, printing town reports	89.90
Edson C. Eastman, dog tags	5.05
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	23.73
Everett E. Caldon, janitor	5.00
F. J. Shores, looking up record, etc.	31.71
State Forester, fire tools	49.25
Kenneth Haynes, bear bounty	5.00
Hedgehog bounties, paid by selectmen	28.00
Irma Sullivan, vital statistics	6.50
Bud Whitehouse, West Thornton bridge	41.70
Judson A. Blaisdell, Jr., West Thornton bridge	12.00
N. H. Highway Dept., West Thornton bridge	2.91
Treasurer, state of N. H., Sandwich Notch	300.00
R. C. Hazeltine Co., parts for tractor	462.51
Consolidated Steel Syndicate	106.64
Federal Tool & Steel Corp., blades	20.21
Treasurer State of N. H., tar	53.44

Treasurer State of N. H., putting tar on	29.82
Chase Grain Mill, salt	36.40
Treasurer State of N. H., T. R. A. Acct.	56.48
Clarence Downing, water trough	3.00
Alec Gero, sharpening picks	4.00
John Rivers, Road Agent No. 1	547.90
John Rivers, snow plowing, sanding	331.06
Scott Benton, Road Agent No. 2	536.20
Fred Adams, Road Agent No. 3	582.10
Clayton Ham, plowing snow	519.10
Frank Avery, repairs	326.91
Frances Avery, library	75.00
Ralph Steele, old age assistance	716.65
Ralph Steele, Albert Cutter (poor)	143.00
Scott Benton, cemeteries	87.00
Roy Sawyer, cemeteries	25.00
Ida M. Horner, tax sale	73.40
Ida M. Horner, cost of land sale	6.84
Harry Huckins, county tax	907.97
State Treasurer, special poll tax	477.00
Irma Sullivan, schools money	6,626.85
Bank account, check	3.43
	$14,684.69

ROAD AGENTS' REPORT

John Rivers, Road Agent, No. 1

Scott Benton	$	11.20
Frank Karp		4.80
B. C. Monroe, gravel		1.70
Jacob Uhlman		4.80
Roy Sawyer		4.80
Robert Rivers		181.2[illegible]
John Rivers		339.40
Total	$	547.90
Drawn from town	$	547.90

John Rivers, Plowing Snow and Sanding

Truman Heath	$	3.90
Alec Gero		2.00
Roy Sawyer		5.40
Everett Sawyer		2.40
Jacob Uhlman		3.00
Hibbard Garage		16.25
John Rivers, gas for tractor		36.96
John Rivers, oil for tractor		5.25
Robert Rivers		66.80
John Rivers,		189.10
	$	331.06
Drawn from town	$	331.06

Scott Benton, Road Agent, No. 2

Scott Benton	$ 345.80
Lawrence Steele	4.80
Russell Gilman	24.60
Bert Benton	17.60
Charles Benton	2.70
Fred Adams	10.00
Everett Sawyer	4.80
Scott Benton, Jr.	60.90
Eliza Haynes	4.40
Donald Merrill	18.00
E. E. Caldon	25.60
Ralph Steele, Jr.	9.60
Burl Avery	2.40
Eliza Haynes	5.00
	$ 536.20

Orders Drawn

March 24	$ 27.60
April 13	68.00
May 1	95.10
June 17	48.80
June 30	155.40
Oct. 31	54.80
Dec. 30	86.50
	$ 536.20

Fred S. Adams, Road Agent, No. 6

Ralph Steele and truck	$	43.50
Lawrence Downing and team		15.00
Smith Merrill and truck		48.00
Bert Avery and truck		43.50
Ralph Miles, supplies		1.75
W. B. Avery, supplies		7.05
George Adams		57.60
Harry Evans		1.80
Fred Adams		144.00
Ezra Downing		9.60
Robert Downing		9.60
Eliza Haynes, gravel		10.80
Bert Avery, gravel		2.00
Clayton Ham and tractor		50.00
Spencer Ham		15.00
Leon Brown		1.20
Nelson Brown		8.40
Harry Gilman		27.00
Total	$	495.80
Amount drawn from town	$	495.80

Fred S. Adams, Road Agent, No. 6, Sanding

Smith Merrill and truck	$	24.00
Fred Adams		22.40
George Adams		16.80
Donald Merrill		2.40
Harry Evans		5.40
Eliza Haynes, gravel		1.20
Ralph Steele and truck		13.50
Ralph Steele, Jr.		.60
Total	$	86.30
Amount drawn from the town	$	86.30

Clayton Ham, Snow Plowing Account

From January 31, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Clayton Ham	$ 245.20
Spencer Ham	273.90
	$ 519.10

LIBRARY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

December 30, 1944

Receipts

Cash on hand February 4, 1944	$	1.24
April, received from selectmen		25.00
October, received from selectmen		25.00
December, received from selectmen		25.00
Dues from librarian		1.26
Paper salvage		1.65
Total receipts	$	79.15

Payments

Books, H. R. Huntting Co.	$	59.75
Magazines		16.08
Library supplies		1.35
Total payments	$	77.18
Cash on hand, December 30, 1944	$	1.97

FRANCES AVERY,
Library Trustee.

LIBRARY REPORT

December 30, 1944

Number of magazines		8
Number of books purchased		35
Number of books loaned		894
Number of bookmobile loaned		210
Magazine circulated		301
Books given by the state		18
Received from fines	$	1.26
Received from paper salvage		1.65

VERA HAZELTINE,
Librarian.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Having examined the accounts of Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Road Agents, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched for the year ending December 31, 1944.

OLIVE BENTON,
NELLIE ADAMS,
Auditors.

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Thornton, N. H., on December 31, 1944.

Date of Creation	PURPOSE OF CREATION Care of Cemetery Lots	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Int.	Balance of Income 1st of Year	Income During Year	Expended during Year	Balance of Income End of Year
Jan. 12, 1929	Leonard Durgin by Dora James	Plymouth Guar. Savings Bank	$100.00	2½% Interest	17.36	2.84	2.00	18.20
Jan. 12, 1929	Houston and Carleton by Wm. Houston	" " "	150.00		35.53	4.64	2.00	38.17
Jan. 12, 1929	John Colby by Emma Smith	" " "	50.00		3.92	1.34	1.00	4.26
Jan. 12, 1929	Albert Barnard by Clara Merrill	" " "	100.00		13.21	2.85	2.00	14.06
Apr. 1, 1936	Dana Fadden, Sr. by James Fadden	" " "	100.00		7.06	2.70	2.00	7.76
Apr. 1, 1936	E. C. Burleigh by Abbie Burleigh	" " "	50.00		2.76	1.31	1.00	3.07
Apr. 1, 1936	A. C. & Daniel Moulton by Lena Moulton	" " "	200.00		18.43	5.50	5.00	18.93
May 26, 1936	John Burleigh by Abbie Burleigh	" " "	100.00		4.50	2.62	2.00	5.12
Oct. 13, 1936	Mason & Smith by Frances Smith	" " "	75.00		4.73	2.00	2.00	4.73
Jan. 31, 1940	Daniel James by Melvina Gilman	" " "	50.00		1.20	1.29	1.00	1.49
May 24, 1940	Romanzo & John Johnson by Romanzo Johnson	" " "	100.00		2.69	2.57	2.00	3.26
Feb. 27, 1941	Harry & Will Emmons by Geo Morrill Frances Emmons	" " "	200.00		5.35	5.16	3.00	7.51
Nov. 3, 1941	John Elkins & John Richards by Susan Elkins	" " "	100.00		1.55	2.54	1.50	2.59
Jan. 30, 1943	Warren Moulton by Annie Moulton	" " "	50.00			1.46		1.46
June 16, 1943	Charles and Jonathan Gordon By Grace Gordon	" " "	100.00			1.87		1.87
July 11, 1944	Campbell and Bowles by Mrs. Bertha Bowles	" " "	20.00					
Oct. 10, 1944	Alfred M. Dame by Alfred M. Dame	" " "	100.00					
		TOTALS	1645.00		118.29	40.69	26.50	132.48

KENNETH W. ROBBINS
GLENROY M. HOWLAND, } Trustees.
SCOTT A. BENTON

Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1944

Date of Birth 1944	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Cond: Male, Female	Liv or S'brn	No of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan 12	Ronald Lee	M	L	3	W	Lawrence D Downing	Nila Lillian Downing	W	Thornton	Farmer	Thornton	Thornton
Jan 25	Edward Peter	M	L	7	W	David C Rodgers	Mina A Edgell	W	Thornton	Mechanic	Campton	Thornton
May 19	Gloria	F	L	1	W	Charles L Kimball	Irene L Jenkins	W	Thornton	Farmer	North Woodstock	Newark N J
May 31	Dona Mae	F	L	2	W	Beryl C Monroe	Hazel Louise Allen	W	Thornton	Farmer	Peacham Vt	Warren
Dec 8	Shirley Evelyn	F	L	1	W	Robert Haynes	Dorothy Kinsman	W	Thornton	Farmer	Thornton	Boston Mass

Marriages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1944

Date—1944	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Times married	Name residence and Official Station of person by whom married
Mar 7	Woodstock	Robert Haynes	W Thornton	25	W	Farmer	West Thornton	Frank Haynes	Pittsburg	Retired	1	Jas C Muchmore
								Elloise Moors	Manchester	Housewife		Justice of Peace
		Dorothy P Kinsman	Campton	23	W	At home	Boston Mass	Everett Kinsman	Cambridge Mass	Supt of Bank	1	North Woodstock
								Marguerite Robillier	Switzerland	Housewife		
Apr 14	Laconia	Karl D W Osterloh	Thornton	35	W	Soldier	Bremen German	Johanns Osterloh	Bremen Germany	Machinist	1	Robert U Johnson
								Louise Schultz	Bremen Germany	Housewife		Justice of Peace
		Gloria V Varcoe	Pittsfield Mass	33	W	Winder	Pittsfield Mass	Ernest A Varcoe	Cornwall Eng	Clerk	1	Laconia
								Beatrice Evans	Cornwall Eng	Housewife		
Apr 29	Woodstock	Clifton L Shores	Thornton	24	W	Farmer	Thornton	Lawrence Shores	Thornton	Farmer	1	Calder M Miller
								Pearl Durgin	Nova Scotia	Housewife		Clergyman
		Dolly Anderson	Thornton	17	W	At home	Bellville N J	Eric Anderson	Sweden	Machinist	1	Woodstock
								Segrid Sundberg	Sweden	Housewife		
June 3	Meredith	Charles L Robertson	Thornton	26	W	Painter	Thornton	Andrew C Robertson	Tabusintac N B	Farmer	2	George Currier
								Mary A McLeod	Thornton	Housewife		Clergyman
		Dorothy G Downing	Thornton	22	W	Stitcher	Thornton	Earl N Downing	Campton	Garage Prop	1	Meredith
								Cynthia M Morse	Thornton	Housewife		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1944

Date of Death 1944	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex and Cond			Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days		Male, Female	Color	Single, mar, w		Father	Mother		
Jan 8	Laconia	Frank S Hodgson	70	2	5	Thornton	M	W	W	Watchman	Yorkshire England	Waterville	Cyrus Hodgson	Abbie Snow
Jan 20	Haverhill	Albert Petrain	86	10	18		M	W	S	Laborer				
Feb 26	Laconia	Cora P Haynes	59	6	26	Thornton	F	W	M	Housewife	Thornton	Reading Mass	Chas Plummer	Ella Sanborn
Nov 13	Thornton	Herbert A Broad	73	1	17	Thornton	M	W	W	Farming	Brownfield Maine		Ezra C Broad	Sara Nason
Dec 25	Thornton	Frank Haynes	87	2	20	Pittsburg	M	W	M	Farming	Sugar Hill	Pittsburg	Clark Haynes	Martha N Rowell

IRMA SULLIVAN, Town Clerk

School Report

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Thornton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the thirteenth day of March, 1945, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To transact any other business that may l gally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Thornton this 14th day of February 1945.

NELLIE ADAMS,
EVA GREY,
FLORENCE STEELE,
School Board of Thornton.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

NELLIE ADAMS,
EVA GREY,
FLORENCE STEELE,
School Board of Thornton.

REPORT OF THORNTON SCHOOL BOARD

School Board

Nellie M. Adams

Eva S. Grey

Florence Steele

Treasurer

Irma Sullivan

Clerk

Irma Sullivan

Auditor

Frances Avery

Superintendent of Schools

Arthur S. Rollins

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

For Year Ending June 30, 1944

1943	
Received from selectmen, appropriation	$ 3,200.00
Received from state treasurer	2,777.19
1944	
Received from selectmen, appropriation	$ 1,892.70
Received from selectmen, forest reserve	134.15
Received from Scott Foresman Co., refund	32.65
Total receipts	$ 8,036.69
Cash on hand June 30, 1943	48.29
	$ 8,084.98
Total payments	$ 8,057.73
Cash on hand June 30, 1944	$ 27.25

IRMA SULLIVAN,
District Treasurer, Thornton.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1944

Receipts

State and Federal Aid	
Equalization fund for elementary schools (from state)	$ 2,777.19
National forest reserve (school half from selectmen)	134.15
Income From Local Taxation	
For the support of elementary schools	3,133.00
For the payment of high school tuitions	1,200.00
For salaries of district officers	125.00
Truant officer and school census	10.00
Superintendent's excess salary	200.00
For the payment of per capita tax	212.00
Other obligations imposed by law or established by district	120.00
Total	$ 7,911.34
From Sources Other Than Taxation	
Dog licenses (from selectmen)	$ 92.70
Other receipts (refund from Scott Foresman & Co.)	32.65
Total receipts from all sources	$ 8,036.69
Cash on hand July 1, 1943	$ 48.29
Grand total	$ 8,084.98

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, and other financial records of the school board of Thornton of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANCES AVERY,
Auditor.

Payments

	General	High	Elementary
Administration			
Salaries of district officers	$ 125.00		
Superintendent's excess salary	224.40		
Truant officer and school census	8.00		
Expenses of administration	115.59		
Instruction			
Principals' and teachers' salaries			$ 4,856.09
Text books			222.75
Scholars' supplies			127.42
Other expense of instruction			54.21
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant			
Janitor service			291.00
Fuel			306.00
Water, light, janitors' supplies			96.49
Minor repairs and expenses			100.92
Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities			
Health supervision			125.52
High school and academy tuition		$ 1,120.48	
Fixed Charges			
Tax for state wide supervision ($2 per capita)	212.00		

Insurance and other fixed charges	50.00		
Outlay for Construction and Equipment			
New equipment	21.86		
Total payments for all purposes	$ 756.85	$ 1,120.48	$ 6,180.40
Total cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1944)	$ 27.25		
Grand total	$ 8,084.98		

BALANCE SHEET

Assets, June 30, 1944

Cash on hand, balance June 30, 1944	$ 27.25
Accounts Due District:	
From state	37.00
From town	1,478.61
Total assets	$ 1,542.86

Liabilities, June 30, 1944

Town of Woodstock (tuition)	$ 248.71
Town of Campton (tuition)	74.00
Town of Lincoln (tuition)	168.00
Ernest Nichols (flowers for graduation)	1.75
Internal Revenue (withholding tax)	107.31
White Mountain Power (lights)	1.00
Mrs. Sullivan (postage for year)	8.25
Total liabilities	$ 609.02
Excess of assets over liabilities	$ 933.84
Grand total	$ 1,542.86

Detailed Statement of Payments

Administration

Salaries of District Officers:

Irma Sullivan	$ 25.00	
Roxey Merrill	50.00	
Nellie Adams	25.00	
Eva S. Grey	25.00	
		$ 125.00

Superintendent's Excess Salary

$ 224.40

Truant Officer and School Census

$ 8.00

Expenses of Administration

$ 115.59

Instruction

Carolyn Stevens	$ 944.00	
Mattie Hibbard	961.30	
Nettie Goodhue	795.60	
Olive Benton	631.74	
Christie Caldon	581.10	
Glenn Sturtevant	331.91	
Marion Dudley	192.26	
Isabelle Ham	79.50	
Marjorie Uhlman	55.22	
Mrs. Samuel Gammons	16.68	
Income Tax	266.78	
		$ 4,856.09

Text Books

$ 222.75

Scholars' Supplies

$ 127.42

Other Expenses of Instruction

$ 54.21

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant

Janitor service $ 291.00

Fuel		
Bert Benton	$ 210.00	
M. E. McLoud	65.00	
Arthur Boyce	16.00	
Smith Merrill	15.00	
		$ 306.00
Water, Light and Janitor Supplies		
		$ 96.49
Minor Repairs and Expenses		
		$ 100.92
Medical Inspection		
		$ 125.52
High School Tuition		
Plymouth	$ 684.70	
Lincoln	142.80	
Laconia	85.50	
Refund Campton	107.48	
		$ 1020.48
New Equipment		
		$ 21.86
Fixed Charges		
Insurance		$ 50.00
Per Capita Tax		
		$ 212.00
Total payments		$ 8,057.73
Cash on hand		$ 27.25
Grand total		$ 8,084.98

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1945-1946

School District of Thornton

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1945.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools

Teachers' salaries	$ 3,700.00	
Text books	225.00	
Scholars' supplies	175.00	
Flags and appurtenances	20.00	
Other expenses of instruction	35.00	
Janitor service	165.00	
Fuel	400.00	
Water, light, janitors' supplies	200.00	
Minor repairs and expenses	400.00	
Health supervision (medical inspection)	194.00	
Transportation of pupils	1,100.00	
Payment of elementary tuitions	259.00	
Other special activities	15.00	
		$ 6,888.00

Other Statutory Requirements

Salaries of district officers (fixed by district)	$ 200.00	
Truant officer and school census (fixed by district)	25.00	
Payment of tuition in high schools and academies (estimated by board)	2,015.00	
Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by supervisory union)	200.00	
Per capita tax (report of state treasurer)	206.00	

* Other obligations imposed by law or established by district	120.00	
Total amount required to meet school board's budget		$ 9,654.00

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1945 (estimate)	$ 100.00	
State aid (December 1945 allotment)	2,800.00	
Dog tax	90.00	
Other estimated income	90.00	
	$ 3,080.00	
Deduct total estimated income (not raised by taxation)		$ 3,080.00
Assessment required to balance school board's budget		$ 6,574.00

NELLIE M. ADAMS,
EVA S. GREY,
FLORENCE STEELE,
School Board.

Thornton, N. H., February 14, 1945.

* This item includes legal obligations such as judgments, orders of State Department of Health on complaint, necessary rent and costs of authorized administration and insurance. Repairs in excess of 5% of the school money, new equipment and major construction must be raised under special articles in the warrant.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Thornton School Board:

The second annual report of the Superintendent of Schools presents essential facts for your consideration and a discussion of Thornton school problems for the information of all people of the town.

Because of an acute shortage of teachers it was necessary to close both the Lyford and the Number Six schools this year. That decision, made in June, might have been delayed until fall, but was inevitable in the end. We are fortunate that the enrollment in those schools was not too large to be cared for in the schools we have been able to keep open. Lyford children are attending West Thornton and Number Six children are in the Center School.

Mrs. Christie B. Caldon was awarded the contract to transport pupils to the new schools to which they were assigned. It is a new experience for Thornton to have a regularly established transportation route but thus far it seems to be working out satisfactorily.

The West Thornton School has presented our most serious teacher problem since I have been connected with your schools. Reference to the list of teachers for 1943-44 shows that four different people taught in that school last year. The present year has seen three different teachers. Throughout these trying conditions both parents and pupils have shown a commendable spirit of cooperation.

Few people, except those who have tried to hire teachers, realize just what the facts of the present situation are. The statements that follow may help to clarify that question.

1. Teacher training institutions now enroll and graduate only a small per cent of the usual number of prospective teachers.

2. Teachers already trained and in active teaching have by the thousands, entered government service or have accepted industrial positions which offer greater financial inducements.

3. Each year sees many older teachers forced to retire because of health or advancing years.

4. Since there are many more positions than there are people to fill them, teachers are more critical of offers they receive both as to the salary and the type of school.

5. So many former teachers have gone back to regular teaching that in some towns no such thing as a substitute list exists.

6. The one room school is forced to compete with larger schools which have the advantage of location, salary, and fewer grades per teacher.

7. Full relief from the present situation cannot be expected for at least four years after the war emergency passes.

Against this background the wisdom of the Thornton School Board in raising salaries is unmistakable. That is the one effective argument by means of which we can expect to keep our schools functioning. It is my best judgment that even stronger financial arguments must be offered when contracts are drawn for another year. We are face to face with a serious situation. The education of our children cannot wait while we argue.

The increased expenditures for textbooks since July 1943 are justified by the improved implements of instruction now in the hands of teachers and pupils. A uniform system of reading has been extended through grade four. All schools have a well planned and properly graded series of English books, "Adventures in English", from the third through the eighth grade. Manuscript writing was begun in grade one this year and will be continued through the first half of the second grade when the change to cursive writing will be made. Research and study have proved that

children make faster progress in reading when manuscript writing is taught to beginners. As rapidly as possible we shall provide uniform history textbooks in all schools. It seldom happens now that pupils are handed textbooks containing the names of their uncles, aunts, or parents.

It is hoped that parents will carefully follow the progress of their children as shown on the new report cards now in use. A rating in effort as well as in achievement is now given in each subject each marking period. Attention is especially called to the citizenship traits which are rated each period. It is my belief that those ratings are a better forecast of adult success than the purely scholastic reports.

The whole purpose of the new report cards is to give parents a more complete picture of progress, to stimulate greater effort by pupils, and to promote growth in good citizenship. Comments, inquiries, and suggestions from parents will be welcomed at all times.

In conclusion, it is a pleasure to express my appreciation of the kindness and courtesy extended to me by parents, pupils, teachers, and the Thornton School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR S. ROLLINS,

Superintendent of Schools.

THORNTON SCHOOL CALENDAR 1945-1946

Term Begins	Term Ends	No. of Weeks	No. of Days
September 5, 1945	December 21, 1945	16	72
January 2, 1946	February 15, 1946	7	33
February 25, 1946	April 19, 1946	8	40
April 29, 1946	June 7, 1946	6	28
Total		37	173

Expected Days of No School

Fair; October 12; State Convention, 2 days; Thanksgiving, 2 days; Institute; Memorial Day.

* 1943-1944 Enrollment by Grades

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
1	7	5	12
2	7	2	9
3	2	6	8
4	1	4	5
5	9	7	16
6	3	4	7
7	5	6	11
8	8	2	10
	42	36	78

* Includes only pupils not registered in some other public or private school in the state.

1944 Graduates of Thornton Schools

Richard Leslie Brooks
Geraldine Lorraine Downing
Harriet Mae Harding
Mavis Daphne Hazeltine
Joseph Vladimir Holub, Jr.
Theodore Joseph Inkell, Jr.
Merlond Everett McLoud, Jr.
Malcolm Albert Merrill
Morton Leroy Rodgers

Perfect Attendance for the School Year 1943-1944

Mary Evans
Ethel Walker

Teachers in Thornton Schools 1944-1945

West Thornton School

Mrs. Olive A. Benton — Grades 1—8
Miss Helen J. Berry
Mrs. Christie B. Caldon

Thornton Center School

Miss Carolyn T. Stevens — Grades 1—8

Mad River School

Mrs. Mildred E. Thompson — Grades 1—8

THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 1943-1944

School	Teacher	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Per Cent Attendance	Visits by Superintendent	Visits by School Board	Non-Resident Pupils
West Thornton	Mrs. Marion Dudley Mrs. Olive Benton Mrs. Samuel Gammons Mrs. Christie B. Caldon	25	15.11	87.43	22	5	0
Lyford	Mrs. Mattie J. Hibbard	10	9.18	93.46	21	6	0
Mad River	Mrs. Glen H. Sturtevant Mrs. Olive A. Benton	12	11.99	93.00	20	2	1
Center	Miss Carolyn T. Stevens	19	17.44	95.87	33	5	0
Number Six	Mrs. Nettie S. Goodhue Mrs. Isabelle K. Ham	16	13.56	82.37	21	0	0
Grand Total		82	67.28	90.43	117	18	1

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To Thornton School Board:

I herewith submit the report of school nursing from September, 1943 to July, 1944.

Number of children inspected	73

Number of pupils with symptoms of defects:

Dental	29
Vision	4
Tonsils	9
Enlarged glands	4
Underweight	8
Unvaccinated	7

These corrections were reported made:

Dental	33
Tonsils	4

Vision—2 new glasses, 3 lenses changed.

At the Dental Clinic where 21 children were treated, 16 fillings, 21 extractions and 11 cleanings were done. Lincoln Red Cross helped financially with this clinic.

3 children attended the Chest Clinic at Plymouth and were examined, skin-tested and X-rayed.

72 school calls, 64 home calls and 20 business calls were made.

5 cases of whooping cough, 1 of measles, 9 of pediculosis and 3 skin diseases were reported.

The usual classroom talks and inspections to help promote interest in good health of the children have been given by teachers and nurse.

Hot lunches have been served in one school with good results due to fine cooperation of the parents.

Inspection was again made in September, 1944. Pupils with these defects were found.

Children inspected	55
Dental defects	18
Vision	6
Tonsils	10
Enlarged glands	4
Underweight	1
Unvaccinated	3

31 children above the second grade have been tested to date with the Audiometer and no serious hearing defects found.

The interest in school health in the community should be highly commended and is certainly greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. LOVETT, R. N.

School Nurse.